

WOMAN'S NOVEL DIVORCE IDEAS

Before Eclectic Club Mrs. Walling Argues for Free Divorce in a Talk Marked by Great Frankness.

CAN NOT CONTROL LOVE.

Prohibition of Legal Separation She Declares to Be a Tyranny Inexcusable in View of the Inability of Many Couples to Live in Peace.

Refreshingly frank was the discussion before the Eclectic Club at Delmonico's of the interesting subject of "Marital Unrest," by Mrs. Elizabeth Bacon Walling. She put forth a plea for divorce, based on the assertion that love is a force beyond the control of human will.

Some of her revelations of the causes of "Marital Unrest" were striking, for instance the following:

"The frugal bride who puts away her pretty nightgowns in sachets of orris and reincarnates from a ravishing divinity in a witchery of laces and ribbons into a mere woman, smeared with ointments and homed with curl papers, forgets that the poetry of marriage sometimes turns into prose."

"The true affinity of love," she said, "is liberty. Love is amenable neither to fear, restraint nor force. It acts spontaneously and conforms only to nature. Idle as to attempt the regulation of the stars by the vulgar laws of the Stock Exchange is to order the conduct of the heart according to the arbitrary rules of social convention."

"The woman who possesses the genius of remaining that thing of joyous beauty—the bride—forever, presents no unconscious idea of love's labor lost. But none the less true, though grievous, is it that there are situations in which neither infinite pains nor devout prayers, neither understanding, experience nor philosophy, can avert the passing of the honeymoon."

To Prohibit Divorce a Tyranny.
"To prohibit a man and woman from dissolving a relationship which is joyless—and it may be odious, discordant to their innate delicate moral sense and crippling to their development—is a tyranny."

"The heart is a thing mysterious and capricious—a law unto itself," she declares. "They shail and thou shalt not be some mysterious force in breeding perversity and destroying charm than in preserving sentiment and fidelity. For a man and a woman to vow to love each other forever in the same way is infinitely more hazardous than to pledge, for a particular individual, under every change of condition, unalterable and undying friendship. For how can it be in the power of the human heart to know how long it can continue to feel a sentiment which goes no more mysteriously than it comes—a sentiment so supremely independent of the will and as utterly dependent upon the subtle laws of mutual selection?"

CHRISTMAS STORE IS LAMBERT BROS'.

Display in Jewelry House Is Worth a Visit from Every Holiday Shopper.

The question of the hour, "What shall I buy?" is readily answered for Christmas shoppers who seek its solution at the large and handsome jewelry establishment of Lambert Bros., Third Avenue and Fifty-eighth street.

The range of articles admirable as Christmas gifts is so extensive as to suggest an embarrassment—not to say confusion—of ideas. Better still, there is upon everything the unmistakable stamp of excellence.

Having builded for twenty-six years upon the rock of reliability, the firm has imprinted on its store and stock the same seal of worth and conscientious purpose which has won its members their enviable reputation as business men.

From a small beginning the house has grown to a great establishment, embracing the manufacturing as well as the retail branch of the business. When the firm cannot make what it wants it buys it for itself.

The third floor is a jewelry factory equipped with all the latest devices of the manufacturing industry, wherein is employed a large force of expert workmen capable of artistically filling any special order which may be intrusted to them. The floor above is devoted exclusively to watchmaking and repairing, where another large corps of experts are kept constantly busy. Here watches are examined carefully when received from the factory and kept until they are perfectly regulated, and the fact that the Lambert watchmakers are the official watch inspectors of the New York Central and the Long Island Railroad bespeaks their ability and trustworthiness.

These departments are unseen to the shopper, but the knowledge of their existence is an assuring guarantee that everything which comes from the store is as good as the highest class of workmanship and that the jewelry and watches are cordially shown through the factory.

The showcases and windows are filled with the finest products of the jewelry watchmakers' art. Admiration at beauty of the goods is challenged by the prices set upon them. Inquiry soon convinces a person that money is to be saved by trading here, and the same time a class of goods unsurpassed in quality is open to selection. An unusually complete line of jewelry, diamonds and watches invites inspection on the ground floor. Some idea of the extensive character of the stock is to be gained by the fact that the watches alone number in the neighborhood of 6,000. The prices of these watches—all of them guaranteed—run from \$2.25 up to \$100.00. In the jewelry department, the vogue, there are trays after trays of diamonds, rubies, emeralds, sapphires, pearls, and other precious stones, all of which are specially imported by the firm, there is an immense display, with brilliant stones in rings as low in price as \$10, \$20, \$25 and \$30. Brooches certain to delight the feminine eye may be obtained for \$2 and \$3 upward. As for toilet sets and the like,

MRS. ELIZABETH WALLING, WHO DEFENDS DIVORCE.



fred and one small wafer essential to a woman's boudoir, they are as numerous as they are beautiful, and—like everything else—astonishingly reasonable in cost.

There is another feature in Lambert Bros' business that bids fair to outlive most others—it is as one customer called it, the savings department. It applies to single stone diamonds, such as diamond rings, diamond solitaire earrings and studs, etc. Where a customer purchases a single stone article Lambert Bros. exchange same within one year for larger stones, customers paying the difference. This allows customers to get larger diamonds from time to time, always having the use of one.

It might be well to explain that Lambert Bros. are enabled to offer exceptional prices for the reason that those things which they do not make themselves they purchase from manufacturers and thus avoid the intermediary profits. They escape the middleman's profits in similar manner, as they import all their own diamonds.

In men's jewelry and novelties there is the same endless array. Especially handsome are the match-boxes and cigar and cigarette cases. The same is true of new designs in watchguards. A popular style of the latter is gold, mounted on silk, and it might be interesting to add that the firm does its own mounting of these fobs as well as making. Suckpins and military hair brushes are also to be found in great assortment.

Of clocks, there is a veritable Black Forest of the "cuckoo" style, while the number of gold, enamelled and other delicately artistic timepieces is well nigh countless. Here again the prices are pleasant surprises.

In addition to the vast stock to be seen, thousands of dollars' worth of goods are hidden and secured in two immense safes kept for this special purpose. One is exclusively the storehouse of diamonds laid aside at the request of prospective purchasers, while the other safe is the repository of other kinds of jewelry. This "laying away" custom has grown to be an annual one with the Lambert Bros., who thus save their patrons the inconvenience which is an inevitable accompaniment of the just-before-Christmas rush.

This is but one illustration of the courtesy shown at the "Christmas Corner" store, a visit to which from no matter what part of the city or country is sure to be amply repaid.

Probably nothing that you can think of for a Christmas gift will be more appreciated or so long remembered as a picture. Be it commonplace and inexpensive or a gem of art and most costly it will hang on the wall for years—and as the years roll on the giver will never be forgotten.

We are showing many attractions on the FIRST FLOOR, and in the regular department on SECOND FLOOR an immense assemblage, embracing everything worthy of note in the picture line.

The following prices are Special for this Week:

REMARQUE PROOF ETCHINGS, framed in 3-inch gold burnished sweep pattern frames, hand-made, matched corners, size 17x26 inches (glass measure), worth \$5.00, at, each..... \$2.98
Size 20x30 inches, worth \$7.50, at..... \$3.98
Size 18x36 inches, worth \$10.00, at..... \$4.98
HANDSOME FREE HAND PASTEL PICTURES, in 2½-inch gold burnished sweep pattern frames, panel and landscape shapes, heavy torchon mat, size 14x28 inches (glass measure), worth \$6.50, special, at, each..... \$3.98
17x26 inches Full Pictures, without mats, worth \$8.50, at, each..... \$4.98
HANDSOME FREE HAND PASTEL PICTURES, in 2½-inch gold burnished sweep pattern frames with gold burnished edge, heavy torchon mat, size 20x24 inches (glass measure), worth \$7.50, at, each..... \$3.98
1,000 PICTURES, regular \$2.00 values, consisting of landscapes, colored tints, figure subjects and Madonnas, in gray, red and gold, all gilt and cherry ornamented frames, special, at, each..... 98c
1,000 COLORED AND PLAIN HUNTING PICTURES, with three black frames—these pictures have three subjects in a frame and are especially suitable for halls and dining rooms, sizes 34x15 inches, special, at, each..... 75c
200 GAME PANELS, in solid oak frames, handsomely mounted with hand-made matched corners, sizes 17x29 inches, worth \$3.00, special, at, each..... \$1.50

Furniture as Gifts Is Now in High Favor.

The practical and useful and the artistic and beautiful are happily blended in many articles of Furniture, making them particularly acceptable as Holiday Gifts. Hundreds of such pieces are now being exhibited on our Fourth Floor.

The following are exceptional values for To-morrow:

Morris Chairs, \$5.98; worth \$8.50.
One hundred Morris Chairs, of solid golden oak, fancy carved legs, spring seats, back can be adjusted to four different positions, cushions of plain or fancy velvet, all hair filled, value \$8.50, at, each..... \$5.98

Couches, \$24.75; worth \$37.50.
We offer to-morrow fifteen couches, frames of golden oak and mahogany, highly polished, upholstered, with the very best black steel spring and covered with silk velvet, regular price \$37.50, marked to close at, each..... \$24.75

Parlor Desks, \$8.98; worth \$12.00.
In solid quartered golden oak, piano finish, fancy turned legs, large deep drawer and solid brass pulls, regularly \$12.00, special, at, each..... \$8.98

Parlor Rockers, \$7.98; worth \$11.75.
50 Mahogany Parlor Rockers, saddle shaped seat, fancy shaped arm, high carved back beautifully inlaid, piano polish, value \$11.75, special at, each..... \$7.98

Sixth Avenue, 20th to 21st Street.

SNOWBALLS FOR SOCIETY.

Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney and House Party Engage in Battle.

A group of society women had a snowball fight on Monday at the Westbury, L. I. station, while they waited for a train bringing a house party for Mr. and Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney. In the party were Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, Mrs. Foxhall P. Keene, Mr. and Mrs. J. Clinch Smith, Miss May Bird, Oliver W. Bird, Mrs. Herman B. Duryea and others of Mrs. Whitney's guests.

The battle began when one of the women threw a handful of snow at Mrs. Whitney which hit the top of her head. She retaliated by fairly burying Mrs. Keene and Mrs. Duryea in a snow-drift. Mr. and Mrs. J. Clinch Smith joined Mrs. Whitney, while Mr. Bird and Miss Bird became allies of Mrs. Duryea and Mrs. Keene. Some of the women lost their hats in the scrimmage.

The target practice of Mrs. Whitney and Mr. and Mrs. Smith proved too much for their foes, who ran away throwing their handkerchiefs in the air in token of surrender.

"YOU'LL TAKE ME OUT DEAD"

Mrs. Whelan, When Ordered to Leave Home, Drank Poison.

Mrs. Nellie Whelan, forty-nine years old, committed suicide in a furnished room at No. 237 West Thirty-seventh street by drinking carbolic acid. According to Mrs. Margaret Moore, who keeps the house, Mrs. Whelan and her husband have lived there about a week. She says that Mrs. Whelan has been drinking heavily, and she and her husband had frequent quarrels.

Denise Whelan, the husband, coming home at night, told his wife to get out of the house.

"I'll not go out myself," Mrs. Whelan is alleged to have replied. "You'll carry me out a corpse."

Then she drank the contents of a two-ounce bottle of carbolic acid. Whelan attempted to knock the bottle from her hand and some of the acid splattered on his face. Mrs. Whelan died before the arrival of an ambulance from the Roosevelt Hospital.

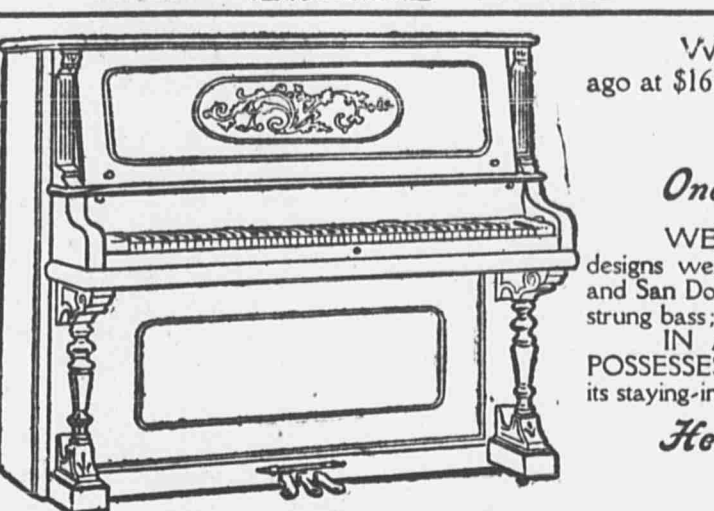
DESTROYS A VILLAGE.

Starvation Impends in Wake of Seismic Disturbance.

ASHKABAD, Russian Turkestan, Dec. 17.—The town of Ashkabad, in the Government of Ferghana, was totally destroyed by an earthquake Monday. The number of fatalities is not yet ascertained. The population is threatened with starvation. Shocks were felt in New Marghian, and surrounding villages, and a railway at Andijan was destroyed for a considerable distance. Food and clothing are being sent to Andijan.

New York's Christmas Headquarters—Open Evenings.

THE BIG STORE CITY IN ITSELF
SIEGEL COOPER & CO.
SIXTH AVE. FIFTY FIVE TO FORTY FIVE
15th Sts.



Another Sale of \$250 Baus Pianos on the Easy Payment Plan at \$168

We have just received another consignment of Baus Pianos—the kind that were offered a month ago at \$168; and which found so many delighted purchasers.

You Pay a Trifling Sum Down and a Little Sum Monthly.

One of the Most Remarkable Piano Offers of the Holiday Season.

WE GUARANTEE THE BAUS PIANO IN EVERY PARTICULAR FOR FIVE YEARS. The designs were specially made for this sale. They include plain and handsomely carved antique oak, Circassian walnut and San Domingo mahogany cases of new and elegant designs. Cases are all double veneered, have ivory keys; overstrung bass; three strings in the treble.

IN ADDITION TO BEING ELEGANTLY MADE OF FINE MATERIALS, THE BAUS PIANO POSSESSES TONE OF GREAT BRILLIANCY AND RICH MELODIOUSNESS. It is particularly noted for its staying-in-tune qualities. Visit the magnificent New Art Piano Store on the Fifth Floor for further detail.

Here Is a Wonderful Opportunity to Set a Fine Christmas Present for Little Money—Place Your Order Without Delay.

Christmas Jewelry and Silverware.

Complete Assortments of the Best Are Here at Uncommonly Low Prices.

BUYING DAYS indeed, for crowds in this section of the store are continuous. Space is too valuable to go into detail and tell you why and how we are able to offer such values as these. What interests you most is where to get the reliable and newest sorts at prices that are lowest. Come here and see the stocks, note the new, pretty designs and styles, the large assortments and the remarkably low prices, then you will know why the crowds are continuous and prices are so low.

Here Is a Partial List of a Few of the Great Offerings:

- WATCHES.**
MEN'S 16 SIZE OPEN-FACE SILVER WATCHES: cases are plain, engine turned or engraved; fitted with 7 jewels, Waltham movement; stem wind and set; regularly sold at \$12.00. **8.00**
MEN'S 16 SIZE OPEN-FACE NICKEL WATCH: fitted with 7 jewel Waltham movement; stem wind and set; regularly sold at \$7.00. **4.95**
MEN'S 12 SIZE OPEN-FACE GUN METAL WATCH: thin model, fitted with a fine jeweled movement. **3.00**
WOMEN'S GUN METAL CHATELAIN WATCH: with solid gold case, fitted with a fine jeweled Swiss movement. **5.00**
WOMEN'S ENAMELLED CHATELAIN WATCH: variety of popular colors, with pin to match, fitted with fine jeweled Swiss movement. **4.95**
WOMEN'S STERLING SILVER CHATELAIN WATCH: hand engraved case, fitted with fine jeweled Swiss movement, stem wind and pendent set. **2.25**
DIAMOND RINGS, ETC.
WOMEN'S FANCY SET DIAMOND RINGS: 3 genuine rubies, emeralds, sapphires, turquoise or pearls and 2 fine cut diamonds. **18.50**
WOMEN'S SINGLE STONE DIAMOND RINGS: plain or fancy mountings; fine cut stone. **10.00**
WOMEN'S SOLID GOLD RINGS, fancy clusters, rows and combination settings; genuine opals and pearls, garnets, turquoise, emeralds and sapphire doublets, with pearls; a large assortment. **3.00**
WOMEN'S SOLID GOLD RINGS, in fancy clusters and combination settings; garnet, turquoise, emerald and sapphire doublets, with pearls; all new patterns. **1.95**
WOMEN'S CLUSTER RINGS: garnet, turquoise, emerald or sapphire doublets, surrounding genuine diamond. **9.75**
BABIES' SOLID GOLD RINGS: with fine rose diamond. **75**
BABIES' SOLID GOLD RINGS: engraved or fancy settings. **50**
GERMAN SILVER CHATELAIN BAGS: fine silk case mesh; heavy embossed top; gray finish; chain and hook at. **4.50**
GERMAN SILVER CHATELAIN BAGS: large size, heavy embossed top, gray finish, chain and hook attached. **7.75**
GOLD-FILLED LORNETTE CHAINS: fine soldered links, solid gold slide. **1.25**
SOLID GOLD LORNETTE CHAINS: fine soldered links, stone set slide. **5.50**
SOLID GOLD TIE CLASPS, fancy engraved, Roman finish. **98**
SOLID GOLD CUFF BUTTONS, extra heavy Roman or bright finish, plain or engraved patterns. **1.50**
NOVELTY BROOCHES, gold filled, enamelled and fancy stone set, all new styles. **98**
QUADRUPLE-PLATED SILVERWARE
QUADRUPLE-PLATED T E A SETS, plated on nickel silver, warranted to wear 15 years, 4 pieces, highly polished. **16.50**
QUADRUPLE-PLATED T E A SETS, 5 pieces, bright or butter finish. **25.00**
QUADRUPLE-PLATED BAKING DISH, porcelain lined, bright or butter finish. **2.50**
QUADRUPLE-PLATED CANDELABRA, five-light, highly polished. **4.75**
MISCELLANEOUS
JEWEL CASES, 24 kt. gold plate, or gray finish, silk lining, glass top. **1.50**
QUADRUPLE-PLATED TOILET SETS: comb, brush and mirror, bright finish, in case. **5.00**
STERLING SILVER MANICURE SETS, 4 pieces gray finish, in case. **5.50**
STERLING SILVER MANICURE SETS, swing pattern, 4 manicure pieces, 2 jars and polisher, in case. **13.25**
(Main Floor, Front, 15th St.)

Fancy Linens.

At ½ Under Regular Prices.

SCARFS, SQUARES AND CENTRE PIECES, in Irish point Guipure; some with lace edges, some with wide lace, embroidered insertion; regularly up to 75c. each; at. **39**
(Main Floor, East of Fountain, 15th St.)

The 1903 Calendars.

You will find them in new quarters over on the 17th street side of the Second Floor Centre. Prices range from 2c. up to \$6.00. More ingenuity than ever is displayed in the 1903 Calendars. The ideas assume all sorts of shapes and phases. Some are humorous, some quaint, poetical and bizarre. Everything in the Calendar line, in fact, from the plain date pad for the business man's desk to the luxurious calendar for the most dainty boudoir. The assortment is the largest in the United States.

Furs for Children.

A Most Comprehensive Collection of the Choicest Sets.

Made of Chinchilla, Beaver, Persian, Ermine, Sable, Fox, Thibet, Angora, Lamb, Nutria, Near-Seal, Imitation Chinchilla and Ermine, Sable, Hare, etc., in flat, fancy or round muff, with scarfs, boas or collarettes to match.

To-morrow we offer:
ICELAND LAMB SETS, **95**
IMITATION CHINCHILLA SETS, at **1.10**
NUTRIA BEAVER SETS, at **5.00**
(Second Floor, Front, 15th St.)

This Great Sale of Furs Continues a Holiday Event Without Peer.

Coming just before Christmas and in the very height of the Yuletide shopping season, this Sale assumes an importance that at once commends itself to every reader.

Thousands of the Most-Wanted Fur Pieces, at the prices quoted, stamp the sale as an event of individuality and conspicuous importance. Details are of extraordinary interest.

ELECTRIC SEAL COATS. **14.50**
NEAR-SEAL COATS. **23.50**
PERFECT SPECIMENS OF PERSIAN LAMB COATS. **\$95.00, \$110.00 and \$135.00**
Genuine Fox Scarfs at **\$3.90 and \$5.00.**
SABLE OPOSSUM DOUBLE SCARFS, 60 inches long, with large tails, at **6.95**
SABLE RACCOON BOAS, with two large brush tails, at **7.50**
SABLE OPOSSUM MUFFS, best make, with down bed, at **3.95**
DOUBLE SABLE RACCOON SCARFS, 70 inches long, with two immense fox brush tails, at **11.75**
GENUINE FOX MUFFS, large sizes, beautifully made, at **6.75**
CHOICE AMERICAN FOX SCARFS, rich, glossy fur, with two large brush tails, at **8.90**
FINEST CUB BEAR BOAS, over 100 inches long, full and fluffy, made up very light, at **23.50**
BEST GRADE ALASKA SABLE MUFFS, 26 block down bed, at **7.50**
DOUBLE ALASKA SABLE SCARFS, made out of full fur skins, with genuine tails, at **11.75**
DOUBLE MINK SCARFS, made out of full fur skins, with genuine tails, at **15.00**
SETS OF FINEST BAUM MARTEN (four skin double scarf and large muff), regular price of these sets is \$165.00, at **97.50**
EASTERN MINK TRIPLE SCARFS, made out of 6 full skins, with 14 large natural tails and 12 claws, \$55.00, qualities, at **37.50**
(Second Floor, 15th St., Front.)



A Sensational Offering at 6.75

Dressing Sowns.

Luxurious Gowns shown only at exclusive shops at "exclusive high prices." The Siegel Cooper Store has but one standard: Prices Below All Others and

Quality the Best, No Matter How Low the Price.

The illustration to the left shows the general aspect of the gowns. The Color Combinations are dazzling. One set shows Solid Grounds with Diamonds in contrasting colors, viz.: navy and white, green with red, olive with pink and white, brown with tan, red with green, red with white and alternate Diamonds. Another set shows similar combinations with Overplaid. Collar, pockets and cuffs show another contrast. A Splendid Christmas Gift.

Smoking Jackets. Reversible fabrics, showing solid outside, and contrasting color combinations inside, also on collar, cuffs and pocket facings; Oxfords, Tans, Overplaid, Checks and Mottle effects, **2.90**

Fine quality Tricots, every fibre pure wool; fast colors, Navy, Maroon, Brown, Myrtle; beautiful plaid worsted body linings, edges, collar, cuffs and pocket facing, satin trimmed, **3.65**

The prices at which we quote these beautiful garments are in almost every instance LESS THAN THE PRICES PAID AT WHOLESALE BY OUR COMPETITORS.

To Obtain a Correct Fit, Cut This Out.

Age _____ Height _____ Weight _____
Breast Measure _____ Waist Measure _____
And Bring It with You to Our Men's Store.
(Main Floor, 15th St.)